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Docket No.: NOVA 9202 DIV
Anticipated Classification of this Appln:
Class: Subclass:
Prior Application: 09/470,569
Examiner: P. NAZARIO GONZALES
Art Unit: 1621



THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This a request for filing a [] continuation [X] divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application serial no. 09/470,569 filed on 12/22/99 by HOANG ET AL. for Title: "SWEET" MAO.

1. [X] Enclosed: [X] is a complete application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) and [X] the oath or declaration of the prior application as originally filed. (See items 8 and 9 for drawing requirements.)
2. The applicant:
[] is a small entity
[X] is not a small entity
3. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW AND INCLUDING THE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT.

Fee	Fee for small entity			Fee for other than small entity		
	No. filed	No. extra	Rate	Fee OR	Rate	Fee
Basic fee			\$355	OR		\$740
Total claims	56 - 20 =	36 (*)	X 9= \$	OR 36X 18=		\$648
Independent claims	1 - 3 =	0 (*)	X 42= \$	OR X 84=		\$0
Multiple Dep.clms.present			+135=\$	OR +270=		\$0
Total				\$ OR	Total	\$1388

* If the difference in Column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Column 2.

4. [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 10-0740 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
5. [X] A check in the amount of \$ 1388 is enclosed.
6. [X] Cancel in this application original claims 1-9 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

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7. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:---
[] continuation,
[X] division, *now USP 6,340,371*
[X] of application serial no. 09/470,569, filed 12/22/99.

8. [] Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application and
[] transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application.
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May only
be used if signed by person authorized by 37 CFR 1.138.)

9. [] New [] formal [] informal drawings are enclosed.

10. [] Priority of application serial no. _____, filed on _____ in _____ (country) is
claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has been filed in prior application serial
no. _____ filed _____.

11. The prior application is assigned of record to NOVA CHEMICALS (INTERNATIONAL) S.
A.

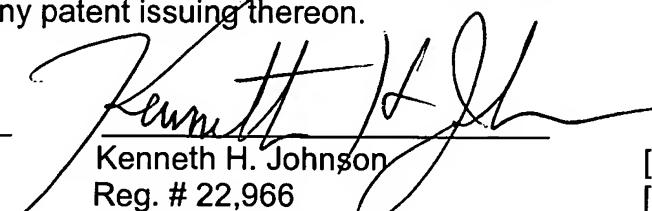
12. The power of attorney in the prior application is to Kenneth H. Johnson, Reg. No. 22,966,
P.O. Box 630708, Houston, Texas 77263.
a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
b. [] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the
prior application is enclosed.
c. **Address all future communications to Kenneth H. Johnson, P.O. Box 630708,**
Houston, Texas 77263.

13. [] A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been
properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest
numbered original claim in the prior application).

14. An Information Disclosure Statement from the priority application [] with _____
references.

The undersigned declare further that all statements made herein of his or her own
knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true;
and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and
the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18
of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the
application or any patent issuing thereon.

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